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In re application of

William R. Matz et al.

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ANTENNA INSTALLATION
METHODS

Group No. 3700

AMENDMENT

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-2312

April 4, 2002

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated February 1, 2002 (the "Official Action") issued in connection with the above-identified application (the "subject application"), please amend the subject application as follows:

In The Title

Please amend the Title to read as follows:

METHODS FOR ALIGNING AN ANTENNA WITH A SATELLITE

In the Specification

Please rewrite the paragraph beginning on page 26, line 2 of the subject application as

follows:

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--The above-described mounting bracket embodiment is particularly useful for mounting and orienting an antenna along a plurality of axes. Those of ordinary skill in the art will appreciate that the mast support member 190 described above could be provided in a variety of other configurations that are adapted to attach various other objects to the mounting bracket. Those of ordinary skill in the art will further appreciate that for applications that require the mounting bracket to be exposed to the elements, the various fasteners employed in the mounting bracket may be fabricated from corrosion resistant material such as stainless steel or the like. Furthermore, the fasteners employed in the mounting bracket 100 may comprise the same size of screw or bolt (not necessarily the same length) such that a single wrench may be employed by the installer to mount the bracket and make all of the adjustments thereto. Also, if desired, to protect the mounting bracket 100 from the elements and establish a more aesthetically pleasing appearance, a shroud 400 made from a suitable material may be placed around the bracket. See Figure 21. Shroud 400 may be fabricated from flexible plastic or rigid plastic and may be one or more parts that are fastened together around the mounting bracket 100 by appropriate fasteners, such as screws, etc.--

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1- 3 and 19 as follows:

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1. (Amended) A method for aligning an antenna with a satellite, said method comprising:
attaching a compass to a rear portion of the antenna;
moving the antenna to a position wherein the compass displays a reading that corresponds
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